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Spring  
Message  
for  
Garden  
Lovers  
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## *Make the Dreams of Your Home Come True*

Spring can soon be here, and no doubt you are planning some improvement of your home grounds. Never before have we been able to offer to you such a wide variety of New and Better Plants, as well as good standard varieties, and at such low prices, that they are within the reach of everybody. We will most cheerfully come to your home and suggest any outdoor improvement of grounds absolutely free of charge and without obligation, if located within 35 miles of Mansfield. If located beyond that limit a moderate charge is made. If desired, we will draw blue print of any landscaping or part thereof at small cost, deducting this cost when your first order is received. We have a staff of highly trained workmen and landscape gardeners to do your landscaping at a very reasonable cost.

Call us today, as this great vogue for beautiful home grounds is sweeping this country from coast to coast. Your friends, acquaintances and society, expect to see inviting plants and flowers surround each home, as an expression of refined taste and culture of the inhabitants.

We are here offering the very cream of the finest New Introductions of Better Hardy Plants, most of which have been introduced since our general catalogue was printed. These choice plants should not be missed in your gardens. Start some today.

MAIL ORDERS always have our immediate attention, and are shipped within 24 hours after they are received. Add 15% for postage and packing if shipment is wanted by Parcel Post. Freight and express shipments are sent collect.

# Latest, New Perennials

The following Perennials are some of the outstanding new or very rare creations of Hardy Plants, and in order to distribute them evenly among our customers we must limit *three (3) plants to each customer*, and the order will be subject to previous sale, as we have only a very small number.

BURBANK'S NEW HYBRID COLUMBINE—The ace of rare loveliness, and supersedes anything yet seen in hardy Columbine. Comes in a wonderful color range.

*Price, 50c each; \$1.25 for three.*

BURBANK'S FIRST PRIZE DELPHINIUM—Any Delphinium enthusiast should try some of this strain, which will compete with the finest, and comes in a color range rarely seen.

*Price 50c each; \$1.25 for three.*

BURBANK'S "EVERBLOOMING POPPY"—One of Burbank's finest achievements in hardy plants. He crossed the Perennial Oriental Poppy with the Annual Peony Flowering Poppy, and the result was a strain of single Perennial everblooming poppies with enormous flowers on long stems, varying in red and orange shades. Bloom during whole season and unlike any other poppy.

*Price \$1.00 each; \$2.50 for three.*

DELPHINIUM LEMON GEM—A California type yellow Delphinium growing to a height of 18 inches.

*Price, 50c each; \$1.25 for three.*

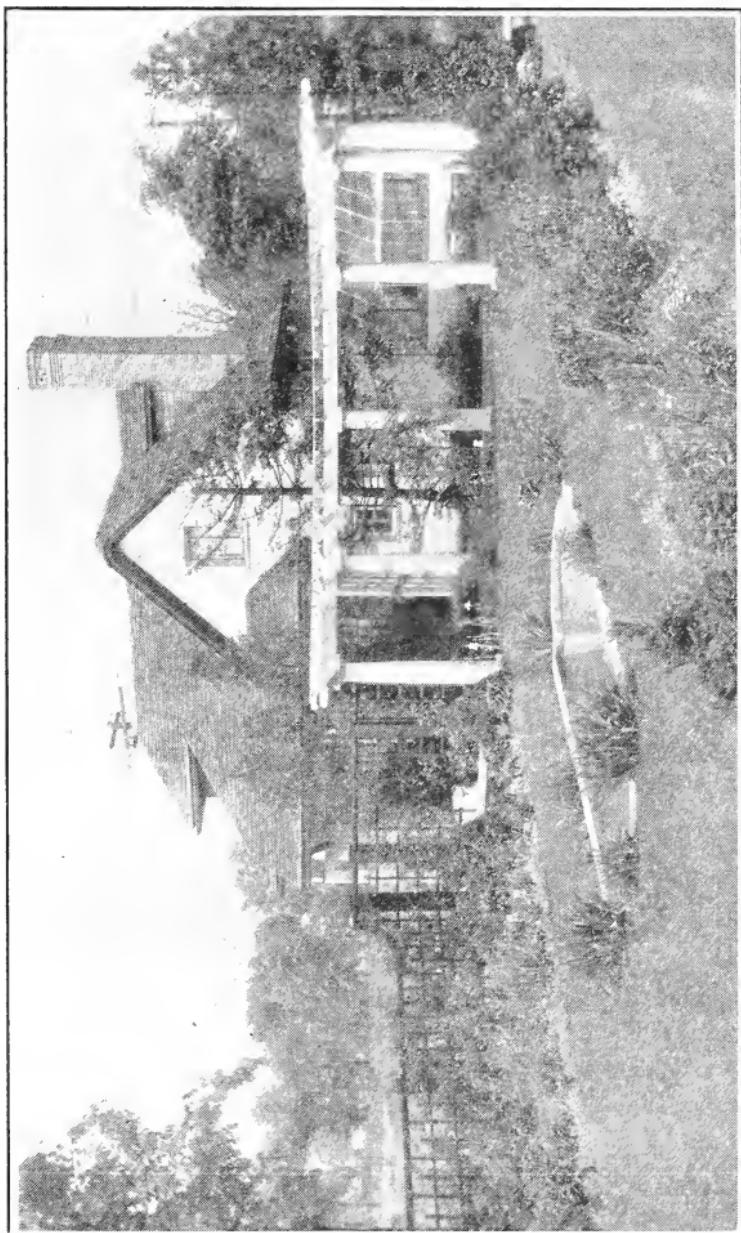
DELPHINIUM SUMMER CLOUD—A very fine white flowering variety of rare beauty.

*Price, \$1.00 each; \$2.50 for three.*

DELPHINIUM ADVANCEMENT—A new introduction just imported from the introducer in England. It is claimed to be the finest pink "Delph" known.

*Price, \$1.00 each; \$2.50 for three.*

All above are strong pot-grown plants.



*An Artistically Made Perennial Garden with Lily Pool and Pergola.*

DELPHINIUM TOWERING JEWEL—Double and light blue with pink markings. Immense flowers up to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches across. Two year old plants.

*Price, \$1.50 each; \$3.50 for three.*

TROLLEUS, NEW HYBRIDS—There is nothing in this country which can be compared with these wonderful flowers, both in size and in range of colors from light yellow, through all shades of deeper yellow to the reddish orange, of enormous size. Bloom in this section in May and June, and if cut will flower again later.

*\$1.00 each; \$2.50 for three.*

*RESTRICTIONS*—We again wish to emphasize the fact that we cannot accept orders for more than *three (3)* each of any of above varieties, because we want to give all our customers the opportunity to get acquainted with these splendid novelties. Please send your order in as soon as possible, as we have only a very limited number to offer, and orders will be filled in rotation.

DELPHINIUM NUDICAULIS—Brilliant scarlet with peach interior. Very unique. *Each 50c; \$1.25 for three.*

DELPHINIUM—Zalil—Yellow orchid-like flowers. Very rare. Nationally advertised. *Each 50c; \$1.25 for three.*

NEW KOREAN CHRYSANTHEMUM—Large white daisy-like flowers, with golden center turning to a claret pink. Iron hardy and will bloom from October to December. Nationally advertised. *Each 50c; \$1.25 for three.*

SEDUM SPECTABILIS FOL. VARG.—A very ornamental yellow green variegated-leaved variety of the well known pink *S. Spectabilis*. *Each 50c; \$1.25 for three.*

COTULA SQUALIDA—A rare and unique rockery plant with brownish-red fern-like foliage, especially adapted for stepping path, as it will make a several inches thick rug within a few years. Imported direct by us.

*Each \$1.25; \$2.50 for three.*

NEW GYPSOPHYLLA (Bristol Fairy and Ehrle)—Both wonderful improvements over the old double variety. Strong grafted plants. *50c each.*

# Oriental Flowering Trees

The lure, mystery and secret thrill in the wonderful, fragrant beauty of the oriental flowering trees, such as Oriental Flowering Crab, Japanese Flowering Cherries, Japanese Magnolia, Japanese Azelea, Japanese Bloodleaved Maple, Jap Bloodleaved Barberry, and Rivers Bloodleaved Beech.

Beauty Bush and the Iron-hardy (Butterfly Bush) Buddleia alternifolia have for a long time been denied the average American people. No wonder, therefore, that these wonderful trees and shrubs have taken the American people by storm. Now again they are placed on the market within the reach of everybody.

We are offering you the following of the very choicest at lower prices than ever before, and we assure you the finest trees and plants that it is possible to produce.

JAPANESE BLOODLEAVED MAPLE—A very conspicuous and most ornamental bloodleaved tree.

9-12 inches, \$1.25 each; 12-18 inches, \$3.00 each.

JAPANESE BLOODLEAVED BARBERRY—An outstanding new bloodleaved shrub of great merit.

4-8 inches, 5 for \$1.25; 8-12 inches, 2 for \$1.25.

BLOODLEAVED BEECH—Perhaps the finest bloodleaved tree grown. 10-18 inches, each \$1.25.

BEAUTY BUSH—A most beautiful Chinese introduction, with pink flower, grows to a height of 5 feet.

6-10 inches, 5 for \$1.25; 10-18 inches, 2 for \$1.25.

HARDY BUDDLEIA ALTERNIFOLIA—Only hardy Butterfly Bush yet introduced which does not freeze down in the winter. Color lilac. 4-8 in, 3 for \$1.25; 12-18 inches, each 85 cents.

JAPANESE MAGNOLIA SOULANGEANA—One of the finest of all oriental flowering trees, with ravishing display of large purple-white flowers in early spring.

6-12 inches, \$1.25 each; 2-3 feet, each \$8.00.

All above six beautiful varieties are nationally advertised.

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CORNUS FLORIDA RUBRA—A most splendid medium-sized, red-flowering tree.                   *Trees 3-4 feet, each \$3.75.*

CORNUS FLORIDA WELCHII (Red-flow., variegated-leaved Dogwood)—Flowers as above variety, but has also beautiful yellow variegated foliage with red suffusion. A beautiful tree all season. Very rare.

*3-3½ feet, \$5.00 each.*

JAPANESE FLOWERING CHERRIES in the very choicest varieties. *1-2 ft., mail order size, each \$1.25. 4-5 feet, each \$3.00.*

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## *Oriental Flowering Crab*

The lure, mystic and secret thrill is embodied in growing the following most beautiful of all oriental flowering trees. We grow thousands of them and that explains why we can sell them at such low prices.

ATROPURPUREA—Flowers deep purplish red. Very contrasting.

BECHTEL—Double, delicate pink flowers. Most popular of all.

FLORIBUNDA—Rosy red flowers. Small ornamental fruit.

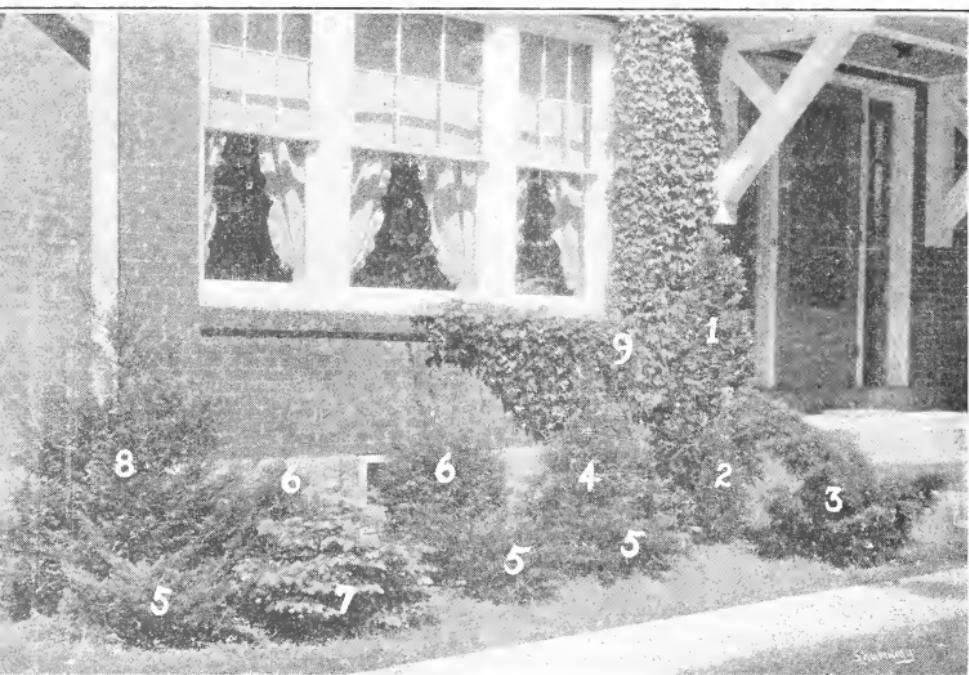
NIEDSWETKYANA—Unique with purple foliage. Deep pink flowers.

PARKMANNI—Deep rose semi-double flowers. Dwarf habit.

SCHNEIDEKERI—Double pink flowers. Fruit very ornamental.

*2-3 feet, mail order size, 75c each; 2 for \$1.25.*

*3-5 feet, big flowering size, each \$1.25; 2 for \$2.25.*



*A Very Appropriate Evergreen Foundation Planting*

## New Evergreens

**NEW MOERHEIMI BLUE SPRUCE**—Wonderful improvement of the famous Kosters Blue Spruce, with its more dazzling, silver-blue needles and perfect growth. This aristocrat of evergreens is nationally advertised. Strong grafted plants, 5-10 inches, 5 year old roots, each \$1.25; 5 for \$5.00; 100 for \$85.00.

It is very important that these plants be planted with the union of grafts *below* the surface of the soil. Let only the part with needles on be above the ground. Give them, if possible, a sandy soil mixed with peat moss or woodsoil.

**JUNIPER MEYERI**—A new and most striking Juniper, with plump, pointed and prickly leaves, shining in blue, white and reddish tones. Grows irregular spreading. Very unique. 15-24 inch plants, each \$3.25; 4-8 inches, mail order size, 75c each; 2 for \$1.25.

**DAPHNE CNEORUM**—Very beautiful trailing evergreen rock garden plant, with very fragrant deep pink flowers. Big 8-10 inch plants, each \$1.25; small mail order sizes from 2 in. pots, 50c each; 3 for \$1.25.

For above three varieties add 15 cents for postage and packing.

# *Lower Prices on Evergreens*

As the market on evergreens has changed downwards since our catalogue was printed, we are pleased to announce these lower prices and our prices in our catalogue void. See our general catalogue for full description.

*Each*

** <i>American Arboe Vitae</i> —Handsome and rapid grow-	
er. 1 ft. to 2 ft .....	\$1.25
2-3 ft., \$2.00; 3-4 ft., \$3.00; 4-5 ft., \$4.00.	
<i>A. A. V. Columbia</i> —Striking yellow foliage, 1½-2 ft...	1.50
* <i>A. A. V. Globe</i> —Globe shaped Arboevitae, 1-2 ft.....	1.25
<i>A. A. V. Verraeneana</i> —Broad pym. growth, 1½-2 ft...	1.50
3-4 ft. .....	3.00
<i>Old English Boxwood</i> —10-15 in., each 75c; 1½-2 ft...	3.00
** <i>Canadian Hemlock</i> —Our most beautiful and hardy	
evergreen for all purposes. ½ to 1 ft., 65c; 1-2 ft.,	
\$1.25; 2-3 ft. \$2.00; 3-4 ft., \$3.00; 4-5 ft., \$4.00;	
5-7 ft. .....	5.50
<i>Juniper Columnaris</i> —Columnar growth. 3-3½ ft.....	6.00
<i>Juniper Com. Aurea</i> —Spreading, golden leaved. 1½ to	
2 feet .....	2.75
<i>Juniper com. suicica</i> —Erect, columnar. 2 ft.....	1.75
* <i>Juniper Depressa Plumosa</i> —Spreading, beautiful. 1 ft	1.00
* <i>Irish Juniper</i> —Erect, columnar, 2 ft. ....	1.75
<i>Juniper Horizontalis</i> —Spreading blue. 1-2 ft. ....	2.00
<i>Juniper Prostrata</i> —Trailing, green. 1-2 ft.....	1.00
<i>Juniper Meyeri</i> —New and rare. See novelty 15-8 in.	3.25
* <i>Juniper Pfitzeriana</i> —Hardiest and one of the most	
beautiful of all evergreens. Medium height and	
spreading growth. 6-10 in., 65c; 1½-2 ft.....	2.75
3-4 ft., \$6.00; 2-3 ft. .....	4.00
<i>Juniper Sabina</i> —Upright, dark green, 8-15 inches....	1.25
2-2½ ft. .....	3.25
* <i>Juniper Spiny (Stricta)</i> —Heavy pyramidal. 8-15 in..	1.25
2-2½ ft., \$3.00; 12-18 inches .....	1.75
<i>Juniper Silver</i> —Erect growth, silver blue. 2-3 ft....	3.50
* <i>Mughus Pine</i> —Dwarf growth, 12-15 in., \$2; 1¼-2 ft.	2.50
<i>White Pine</i> —Silver green needles. 3-4 ft.....	2.50
<i>Retinospora Argentia</i> —Dwarf globe, golden tinted.	
1¼ ft. .....	1.50
* <i>Ret. Plumosa Aurea</i> —Heavy pyr., gold. tinted. 2-3 ft.	2.50
* <i>Ret. Plumosa</i> —As above, green tinted. Same price.	
<i>Retinospora Filifera</i> —Heavy weeping growth. 2-3 ft.	2.75

* <i>Colorado Blue Spruce</i> —8-12 in., \$1.25; 12-18 in.....	3.00
** <i>Norway Spruce</i> —Rapid grower, popular. 1-2 ft.....	1.00
2-3 ft., \$1.50; 3-4 ft. .....	2.00
<i>New Moerheimi Blue Spruce</i> —Very rare. Bluest and finest of all Blue Spruces. Perfect growth. Strong grafted plants. 6-10 in., 5 year old roots.....	1.25
5 for \$5.00 and \$85.00 per 100.	
* <i>Taxus Brevifolia (Yew)</i> —Very hardy dwarf, dark gren. 1-1½ ft. .....	3.50
* <i>Taxus Cuspidata (Yew)</i> —Spreading, fine. 1½-2 ft..	2.75
* <i>Taxus Cus. Capitata (Yew)</i> —Pyramidal, Very rare. 4-5 ft. .....	20.00

Remember to give all evergreens an acid soil. Use peat moss for best results.

**MAIL ORDERS:** To meet the ever-increasing demand for small evergreens we have decided to offer mail order sizes of all the starred varieties at the following very popular prices:

10 Taxus, your selection, strong, small potted plants.. \$3.50  
 10 Starred Evergreens (except Taxus), your selection.  
     strong, small potted or field grown plants..... \$2.50  
 10 starred American Arboe Vitae, Can. Hemlock, and  
     Norway Spruce, 4 to 5 year old, 8 to 15 inches.. \$1.25  
 Add 25c extra for postage and packing for each collection.



*A very stately and dignified planting of evergreens.*

# *Broad-leaved Evergreens and Azalea*

Note the new lower prices for these choice plants, which give a refining impression in all home plantings. These plants also want an acid soil, and the best treatment is to give them plenty of peat moss and in some instances aluminum sulphate. Consult us for information. It is free and most cheerfully given.

*Azalea "New Kaempferi Hybrids"*—Finally the most clever hybridizer in Europe has succeeded in producing this wonderful Azalea. Ironhardy everywhere and ranging in color from light rose to dark red. Have taken the first prizes and Gold Medals in Europe wherever shown and at the New York, Philadelphia and Atlantic City Flower Shows. For the first time we are extremely happy to offer these choice plants now at a price within reach of everybody. Will flower this season.

*Strong, busy, field grown plants, 12-18 inches, each \$3.50*

*Each*

*Azalea Calendulosa*—Golden flame flowers..... \$2.00

*Azalea Mollis*—Finest of the Japanese Azalea. 1-1½ ft. 2.00

*Azalea Nudiflora*—Very handsome pink flowers, 2-3 ft. 2.00  
1-2 ft., \$1.25; and 3-4 ft. \$3.50.

*Azalea Yodagawa*—Deep purple double. Rare. 1-2 ft... 3.50

*Leucothoe Catesbaei*—Evergreen, graceful, drooping  
with white bell shaped flowers, 1-2 ft..... 1.25  
2-3 ft. ..... 2.50

*Mountain Laurel*—Pinkish white flowers. Evergreen.  
2-3 ft. ..... 3.00

6-12 inches, \$1.00; 1-2 ft., \$2.00; 3-4 ft., \$4.00.

*Pieris Floribunda*—Evergreen, waxy white flowers.  
1-2 ft. ..... 2.00

*Rhododendron Catawbiense*—Lavender pink flower.  
1-2 ft. ..... 2.00  
3-4 ft. 6.00; 2-3 feet., \$3.50

*Rhododendron Carolinianum*—Deep pink flowers. Same  
prices as above.

*Rhododendron Maximum*—Large waxy white flowers.  
1-2 ft. \$2.00; 3-4 ft., \$4.00; 2-3 ft..... 3.00

*Peat Moss (20 bushel)* finest brand, per bale \$3.75.  
\$35.00 per 10 bales.

# Roses-Roses

Below is a selection of the most hardy and beautiful roses grown here at our nursery by the thousands. You can be sure they will all bloom the first season.

*President Hoover*—"Gold Medal Rose"—the greatest rose sensation for many years. The cerise pink, flame-scarlet and yellow gives the most dazzling color combination imaginable. *Strong plants, each \$1.50.*

	. . . . Each
<i>Mme. Caroline Testout</i> —Best pink rose.....	50c
<i>Frau Karl Druschki</i> —Finest white for cutting.....	50c
<i>Gruss an Teplitz</i> —Crimson red, for bedding.....	65c
<i>Ophelia</i> —Free flowering, flesh pink, for cutting.....	50c
<i>Jonk. J. L. Mock</i> —Deep pink. Fine for cutting.....	50c
<i>Souvenir de Cl. Pernet</i> —Clear yellow.....	65c
<i>Silver Columbian</i> —Silver pink, for cutting.....	65c
<i>Sunburst</i> —Creamy yellow. Fine cut flower.....	65c
<i>Mme. Ed. Herriot</i> —Coral red, for cutting and beds....	65c

And a score of many other sterling varieties.

Above 9 sterling varieties in strong 2-year field grown plants.  
*Special offer \$4.50.*

*Regular Mail Order Size* field grown, 9 plants, 2 yr... \$2.95  
Add 25c for postage and packing.

# Climbing Roses

We have such wonderful varieties as Alberic Barbier, Dorothy Perkins, Paul's Scarlet Climber, Thousand Beauties, Mary Wallace and many others in strong, field grown plants at 50c each and \$4.50 for 10.

Add 25c for postage and packing.

*Regular Mail order size*, 10 plants, field grown..... \$2.95

## Better Gladiolus

Consistent with our policy to sell only the finest varieties in whatever we offer, we have changed our "Glad" varieties offered on Page 45 of our general catalogue to the following "Sterling Varieties" of better and new Glads, at no increased prices:

Albana, Alice Tiplady, E. J. Shalor, Evelyn Kirtland, Joe Coleman, Mrs. Leon Douglas, Mary Pickford, Mrs Dr. Norton, Mrs. H. E. Bothin, Dr. Bennett, Souvenir, Giant Nymph.

*First size, 80c per 10 and \$6.00 per 100. Mixed, \$5.00 per 100.*

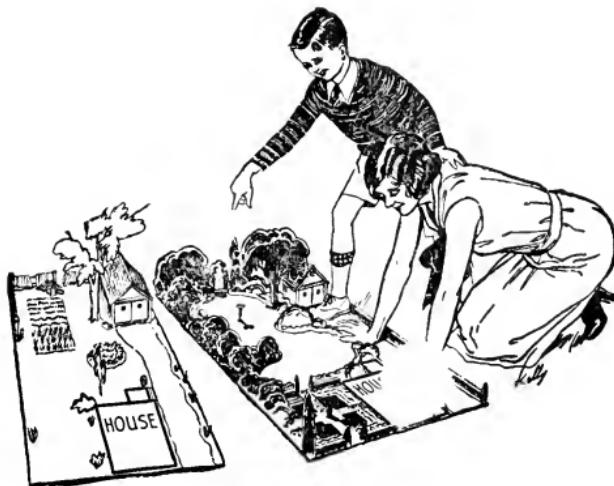
## Shrubs-Shrubs

We are growing over 50,000 shrubs this year and offer such wonderful varieties as Forsythia, Deutzia, Pride of Rochester, Honeysuckle, Spirea van Houttei, Weigelia, Snowberry, Hydrangea, Mock Orange, Red-branched Dogwood, and Japanese Quince and 45 other varieties in strong 3 and 4 year field grown plants, 2-4 feet, very bushy, at from 50c to 60c each.

10 above in busy strong field grown plants, 3-4 years old, 2-4 feet high. *Special offer, \$4.65.*

*Mail Order Size*—10 choice shrubs, 12 to 24 inches, 2 year old plants. *Only \$1.95.*

Add 25c for postage and packing.



*Which would you choose?*

## *For Hedges*

JAPANESE BARBERRY—Our finest and hardiest hedge plants with beautiful red berries in the fall.

*3 yr. old plants, bushy, 15-24 in., 20c each; per 100 \$15.00*

*3 yr. old plants, light, 10-20 in., 15c each; per 100 \$10.00*

Plant from 12 to 18 inches apart.

PRUNUS MYRABELLANA—Very rapid growing hedge plants for immediate effect, 3-5 year old plants,

*2-4 feet ..... \$30.00*

Plant from 18 to 24 inches apart.

PRUNUS MAHALEB — Very rapid growing hedge for immediate effect, 4-6 feet, 5 year old..... 50.00  
2-3 feet high, 3 year old..... 30.00

## *Rockery Plants*

We have over 25,000 fine Rock Garden Plants in over 75 varieties, such as Phlox sublata, Hardy Pinks, Hen and Chickens, Shives, Sedum Spureum, Nepeta mussini, Ceras- teum tomentosum, Viola cornuta, Jersey Gem, English Daisy, Sedum stolonifera and many others.

*Strong field grown plants, 20c each and \$18.00 per 100.*

*Mail Order Size—12 plants, our selection ..... \$1.25*

Add 15c for postage and packing.

## *Hardy Perennials*

We are growing just as many Hardy Perennials as Rockery Plants and in just as many varieties such as Delphinium, Anchusa, Coreopsis, Gailardia, Iris, Phlox, Chrysanthemum, Sedum spectabilis, Veronica spicata, and many others.

*Prices, strong field grown plants, 20c each; \$18.00 per 100.*

*Mail Order Size—10 plants in fine varieties.....\$1.25*

Add 15c for postage and packing.

## *Landscaping Experts*

Through the most thorough experience in 14 of the most flower-loving countries in Europe and in the United States, we offer you the most efficient service in Better Landscape Gardening at very moderate cost.

Please check and return the coupon and take advantage of our FREE SERVICE. We are eager to help you.

Very truly yours,

*THOMSEN NURSERY COMPANY,*

*Landscape Contractors,*

*(Canoe Camp) Mansfield, Penna.*

## *Phone Your Order Free*

*Our Phone No. 15-R-2, Mansfield.*

If you plan some improvement of your home grounds, ask us to come and talk it over with you, without obligation. Or phone your order for plants, and the *Phone call will be deducted on your first order*, up to 50c, each call, but not more than the actual cost. (Call if possible after 6:30 p. m.)

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(Canoe Camp) Mansfield, Pa.**

Gentlemen:

Without obligation on our part, please call and:

- ( ) Help us plan our home grounds FREE.
- ( ) Tell us how to care for our shrubs and flowers FREE.
- ( ) Send us your illustrated (general) catalogue FREE.

Name: . . . . .

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